

1 **CLAIMS**

2 1. A method comprising:

3 providing compressed data that has been compressed using a first encoder
4 having an associated first decoder that can be used to uncompress the compressed
5 data;

6 providing the compressed data to at least one second decoder that is
7 different from the first decoder;

8 uncompressing the compressed data to provide uncompressed data; and

9 operating on the uncompressed data to provide modified uncompressed
10 data.

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12 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising rendering the modified
13 uncompressed data using a rendering application.

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15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said providing the compressed data
16 to the second decoder comprises searching for an ID tag associated with the
17 compressed data and which corresponds to the second decoder.

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19 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the second decoder comprises a
20 wrapper for the first decoder, said uncompressing comprising providing the
21 compressed data to the wrapped first decoder.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the second decoder comprises a
2 wrapper for the first decoder, said uncompressing comprising providing the
3 compressed data to the wrapped first decoder so that the wrapped first decoder can
4 uncompress the compressed data, and further comprising providing the modified
5 uncompressed data to the second decoder so that the second decoder can provide
6 the modified uncompressed data to a rendering application for rendering.

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8 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the compressed data comprises audio
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11 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the compressed data comprises video
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14 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the compressed data comprises both
15 audio data and video data.

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17 9. A method comprising;
18 providing a compressed file that has been compressed using a first encoder
19 having an associated first decoder that can be used to uncompress the compressed
20 file, the compressed file comprising at least one ID tag that is associated with a
21 second decoder that is different from the first decoder and that serves as a wrapper
22 for the first decoder;
23 searching for said at least one ID tag to identify the second decoder;
24 providing the compressed file to the second decoder so that the compressed
25 file can be uncompressed;

1 using the second decoder, providing the compressed file to the first
2 decoder;
3 uncompressing the compressed file using the first decoder to provide an
4 uncompressed file;
5 providing the uncompressed file to a modification module;
6 modifying the uncompressed file using the modification module to provide
7 a modified uncompressed file;
8 providing the modified uncompressed file to the second decoder;
9 using the second decoder, providing the modified uncompressed file to a
10 rendering application; and
11 rendering the modified uncompressed file on a client device using the
12 rendering application.

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14 **10.** The method of claim 9, wherein said searching is performed by the
15 rendering application.

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17 **11.** The method of claim 9, wherein said compressed file comprises
18 compressed audio data.

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20 **12.** The method of claim 9, wherein said compressed file comprises
21 compressed video data.

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23 **13.** The method of claim 9, wherein said compressed file comprises
24 both compressed audio data and compressed video data.
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1 **14.** The method of claim 9, wherein said compressed file comprises a
2 compressed media file.

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4 **15.** A method comprising:
5 receiving a file comprising compressed data and information associated
6 with an encoder that compressed source data corresponding to the compressed
7 data, said information being configured for use in locating a first decoder that
8 corresponds to the encoder and which can be used to uncompress the compressed
9 data;

10 searching for the information;

11 replacing the information with different information that is associated with
12 a second decoder that is different from the first decoder and which can be used, at
13 least in part, to uncompress the compressed data.

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15 **16.** The method of claim 15, wherein both said information and said
16 different information comprise respective ID tags.

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18 **17.** The method of claim 15, wherein said compressed data comprises
19 audio data.

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21 **18.** The method of claim 15, wherein said compressed data comprises
22 video data.

1 **19.** The method of claim 15, wherein said compressed data comprises
2 both audio data and video data.

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4 **20.** The method of claim 15, wherein the second decoder comprises a
5 wrapper for the first decoder.

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7 **21.** A software application comprising:
8 an encoding application configured to:

9 receive a file comprising compressed data and information
10 associated with an encoder that compressed source data corresponding to
11 the compressed data, said information being configured for use in locating a
12 first decoder that corresponds to the encoder and which can be used to
13 uncompress the compressed data;

14 search for the information;

15 replace the information with different information that is associated
16 with a second decoder that is different from the first decoder and which can
17 be used, at least in part, to uncompress the compressed data.

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19 **22.** The software application of claim 21, wherein the second decoder
20 comprises a wrapper for the first decoder.

1 **23.** A decoder application comprising a wrapper for a first decoder that
2 is associated with an encoder that was used to compress original source data, the
3 wrapper being configured to receive compressed source data from a rendering
4 application; provide the compressed source data to the first decoder so that the
5 compressed source data can be uncompressed; receive back modified source data
6 that has been modified in some way so that the modified source data is different
7 from the original source data; and provide the modified source data to the
8 rendering application for rendering.

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10 **24.** The decoder application of claim 23 further comprising a
11 modification module associated with the wrapper for receiving uncompressed
12 source data, modifying the source data, and providing the modified source data
13 back to the wrapper.

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15 **25.** The decoder application of claim 23 further comprising a
16 modification module comprising part of the wrapper and configured to modify the
17 source data.

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19 **26.** The decoder application of claim 23, wherein the original source
20 data comprises video data.

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22 **27.** The decoder application of claim 23, wherein the original source
23 data comprises audio data.

1 **28.** The decoder application of claim 23, wherein the original source
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